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MEMORANDUM

To: Area Program/LME Directors

From: Mike Moseley *mm/ws*

Subject: Change of Filing Edits for IPRS Beginning in SFY 05

Division staff have been meeting with representatives from Area Programs/LMEs to discuss ways to improve the utilization of Division allocated resources to meet the needs of consumers and family members. While other initiatives are under consideration, I wanted to share one change which has been implemented at this time. Dates outlined below are for SFYs 05 and 06 for clarity, however, the same filing principles apply in subsequent fiscal years. Changes outlined below are for IPRS payments only and in no way change the current billing practices for Medicaid claims.

Current IPRS timely filing edits require claims with dates of service from July 1, 2005, through April 30, 2005, to be submitted to IPRS by the last checkwrite in June 2005. These claims are paid out of the current state fiscal year budget. The second timely filing edit allows May 2005 and June 2005 claims to be submitted until the last checkwrite in August 2005. If May 2005 and June 2005 claims are submitted by the last checkwrite in June 2005, they are paid out of the current state fiscal year 2005 budget. For May 2005 and June 2005 claims submitted after the last checkwrite in June 2005 and before the last checkwrite in August 2005, claims are paid from the 2006 fiscal year budget.

In response to requests from Area Programs/LMEs, the Division has made the decision to modify the timely filing requirements in IPRS. The new timely filing edit will allow IPRS payments as follows:

- a. To be paid from current 2005 fiscal year budget: Claims filed for services provided between July 1, 2004, and the last checkwrite in June 2005 will be paid from the current 2005 fiscal year budget. This assumes these are clean claims and are filed in time to be processed by the last June 2005 checkwrite.
- b. To be paid from the following fiscal year budget (2006): Claims filed for services provided between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005, and filed by the last checkwrite in October 2005.



This change in the timely filing edit will aid area/county programs in utilizing IPRS dollars to fulfill financial obligations for service commitments. While this change will assist area/county programs in utilizing IPRS allocated resources we want to emphasize that programs must **use extreme caution and plan your budget carefully** so that you will not use all your SFY 06 funds for payments of SFY 05 claims. These changes do not increase or decrease funds allocated to area/county programs, rather they simply allow additional filing time for IPRS claims payment.

This modification alters the structure of the claims filing deadlines for submission to IPRS. If area/county programs have concerns regarding the timely filing of claims by providers, this should be addressed via the contract between the area/county program and the contract provider.

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